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Wireless Radiation and Public Health

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Dear Ms. Benson, Mr. Laydon and Mr. Scully,

**PLANNING BOARD
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Ms. Benson, I hope you will kindly forward this to Mr. Scully.

Please allow me to introduce myself, my name is Cece Doucette from Ashland. Four years ago an electrical engineer friend mentioned to me that wireless technology was brought to market with no safety testing and that it could be biologically hazardous.

As former president of our local education foundation I ran seven campaigns to bring wireless devices into our schools. Then I went to work for our schools directly as our grant coordinator, where I helped our educators receive grants for iPads, Chromebooks, Minis, smartboards, Apple TVs and more – what we all thought was great new technology.

Learning there could be harm, I began to investigate. It turns out there are literally thousands of studies all over the world showing biological harm from not only cell phones and cell towers, but all of our wi-fi devices and routers too. Many feel the effects in the near-term in the way of stabbing headaches, nosebleeds, dizziness, ringing in the ears, skin rashes, brain fog, memory problems, insomnia, behavioral issues, anxiety, depression and/or cognitive impairment – but they don't know to connect it to wireless exposures.

In the long-term, science is showing links to a multitude of cancers including brain, salivary, thyroid and heart tumors. There is also evidence linking wireless radiation to the rising incidence of Alzheimer's, autism, DNA damage, infertility, miscarriages and more.

The industry, however, has been very effective at deploying the tobacco industry handbook: if you suppress evidence of harm and create doubt, and the public will continue to buy your products and allow toxic infrastructure to be installed. Their advertising revenues prevent credible scientific studies from making it into mainstream media so few are aware wireless is hazardous.

Fortunately, Ashland has become a national leader in educating the public at the community level. When our School Committee read the fine print that comes with every device, they saw even the manufacturers themselves have a legal disclaimer to say keep the device away from your body or you may exceed the FCC and international limits for public radiation exposure. But nobody knows it's there. We have taken a first-in-the-nation step to protect the students and staff in our schools and posted Best Practices for Mobile Devices in all of our classrooms.

Ashland is also the first in the nation to host a six-part documentary film and discussion series on Electromagnetic Radiation and Health, and to put on loan an Acoustimeter so residents and business owners can measure and remediate their homes, offices, schools and leisure spaces.

Five of our Massachusetts legislators have independently introduced seven bills this session to address wireless radiation and public health. Dr. Robert Knorr, the Director of the Bureau of Environmental Health at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health is working on fact sheets to educate the public on wireless radiation and health.

I am writing to you today to request a meeting to share additional information with you so that you may be well informed in your decisions regarding wireless communication facilities, hopefully with an eye toward protecting the citizens of Grafton from further radiation exposure. There are also property value considerations to be had.

Might you be so gracious as to schedule a time in your busy schedule to meet with me in the coming week?

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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